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SECURITY INFORMATION

NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 143
23 December 1952

1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Lt. Col. Pack	Army
Col. Kirgis	Navy
Lt. Jones	Navy
25X1A81, Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

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2. Tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule

The Vice-Chairman presented a tabulation showing the approximate percentage of completion of NIS on the high priority areas, together with a list of the elements which must still be produced to complete them in full. He urged the members to include as many of these elements as possible in the proposals which they are to submit for the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule. He pointed out that the list did not include elements on these areas which are scheduled for production in the current fiscal year. Any carry-over in these areas from the FY 1953 Schedule will be considered when the final FY 1954 Production Schedule is established at the end of the current fiscal year.

3. NACA request for NIS

A request from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics for "NIS Reports Pertaining to Foreign Air Research and Development" was submitted for Committee consideration. The type of information desired is presented in NIS Sections 72 (Air, Ground, and Naval Weapons). Following discussion, it was agreed to defer final action in the matter until the next meeting of the Committee in order to afford the members an opportunity to consult with their policy people with respect to the security aspects involved.

4. Access to CIA material

The Vice-Chairman stated that in a number of instances recently non-IAC agency personnel working on NIS projects for an IAC agency have come directly to CIA/OCD and requested access to the CIA Library. He pointed out that such access is granted only after the IAC agency concerned has made the necessary arrangements through its established liaison channel with CIA/OCD. The Vice-Chairman requested that the members take steps to insure that all non-IAC personnel contributing to the NIS Program of their respective agencies are informed as to the proper procedures for obtaining access to CIA Library facilities.

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5. NIS Production

The Vice-Chairman announced that production for the month to date is 14 Sections out of a total of 115 Sections due. Of these, 80 are overdue, and 35 are scheduled for December. He expressed the hope that the agencies would be able to submit a substantial number of overdue Sections as well as fulfill all of their December commitments, since it will become more difficult to reduce the backlog of overdue Sections as monthly production commitments become progressively heavier during the last six months of FY 1953.

6. Production of Supplement IV (Urban Areas)

The Army member reported that the Corps of Engineers feels there is a requirement for studies on the subject of Town Plans, and since the NIS Production Schedule does not call for production of NIS elements on this subject the Corps of Engineers plans to produce them as Departmental Intelligence Studies. The Army member asked for the Committee's reaction to such a plan.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that coverage for this subject is provided for in the NIS Outline Guide under Section 25 and Supplement IV (Urban Areas), and that a considerable number of Sections 25 have already been produced by the Corps of Engineers under the NIS Program. With respect to Supplement IV, which covers the subject in much greater detail, no NIS production was scheduled because it was indicated in the first years of the program that the Corps of Engineers lacked capabilities for producing this element. Since the present plan indicates that the Corps of Engineers is now in a position to produce the more detailed studies on Urban Areas, it was the consensus of the Committee that they should be produced under the NIS framework rather than as departmental studies. The Army member will advise the Corps of Engineers of the Committee's views in the matter.

7. Use of Control Statements

In response to the Army member's question, the Vice-Chairman stated that the Defense Department control statement, "Special Handling Required - not Releasable to Foreign Nationals" on NIS manuscript submitted to D/B would be accepted in lieu of the control statement, "US Officials Only" which is called for in the NIS Standard Instructions.

8. Treatment of "Airborne Landing Sites"

As a matter of information, the Army member advised the Committee that the Chapter II coordinator is again contemplating raising the question of the desirability of more complete coverage for Airborne Landing Sites in the NIS. The Vice-Chairman stated that an Army proposal to incorporate a Section 26 for treatment of this subject had been presented to the Committee

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sometime ago, and was subsequently withdrawn in view of the consensus of the Committee that such information was too operational in nature, and did not belong in basic intelligence type studies. Provision is made for very general treatment of the subject in other sections of the Chapter II Outline Guide.

9. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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